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1. A three-member commission from East Germany is flying to Moscow on 3 February 1955, under orders from the East German Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The commission consists of the following persons: 25X1

Dr. Ruebensam (fnu), Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
Lindner, Fritz, Chief of Main Department of Planning of the Ministry of Agriculture 25X1
Jaschke (fnu), a leading member of the Planning Commission

2. The purpose of the commission is to investigate all possible means of providing grain to alleviate the wheat shortage in East Germany, where all reserves of grain, including governmental, have been exhausted.
3. The 25 percent reduction of the planned positions in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, already announced, will probably be increased to a 33 percent reduction. 25X1
4. Presumably in connection with the decrease in the number of planned positions, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is to be reorganized again. The following changes are to take place:
 - a. The Main Administration of Livestock-Fattening (HV Mast von Schlachtvieh)¹ is to be dissolved, and its duties are to be distributed among the individual Bezirk administrations. 25X1
 - b. The Department of Lake and River Fisheries (Binnenfischerei)² is to be dissolved, and its duties are to be given to the councils of the Bezirke. 25X1
 - c. The Main Department for Planning and Statistics will either be dissolved and its duties devolved upon the planning departments of the individual main departments and main administrations, or, as already announced, its

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personnel will be increased to 100 in order to take over the work of the planning departments of the HVs and HAs, which, in that case, would be disbanded.

- d. The Department of Agriculture in the Main Administration for Machine Tractor Stations is transferred to the Main Administration for Vegetable Production.
- e. Many Hauptreferate in the Main Administration for Forest Economy are being eliminated, including the Hauptreferat for Woodcutting (HR Holzabfuhr), although the latter is one of the most important central Referate of the entire forest economy.

1. Comment: This was formerly a main department only (HV).

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2. Comment: This has previously been listed as a main department.

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